



JANUARY 1984
NOW IN OUR 66TH SEASON

MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB welcomes all radio amateurs and all persons interested in amateur radio to attend our meetings.....
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE we extend a very special invitation - we are the oldest affiliate of your League.....

MRAC REGULAR MEETING: 7:30 PM, Thursday, February 9, 1984, at Wauwatosa Savings and Loan Building at 7500 West State Street. Hall is open at 7:00 PM for rag chewing and consultations. Plenty of free parking.
AIRCRAFT RADIOS will be the subject of our speaker, Mr. Everett E. Kriese, W9QKQ, of Skycom Avionics, Inc., Timmerman Field. He will tell us how they work and what is in them. Come fly with us.

SOME HISTORY OF YOUR MRAC: The By-Laws under which your club operates were set up many decades ago and have been modified from time to time as the needs of the club changed. They are not too easily changed as the presence of a quorum at a meeting called for that purpose is required. However this is probably a good thing for changes are not made with every little whim of our members. Life Members fall into two classes. The earlier class of Life Membership required only that a member have twenty years of continuous membership in the club and he or she automatically became a Life Member. These Life Members were not required to pay any dues, but many did contribute. Perhaps it was an oversight but no provision was made to finance Life Memberships. Of course it can be excused when one remembers that in the twenties the club met every Thursday night and the meeting notices went out on penny post cards. Life Members were created by the hundred. With the inflation of recent decades it became apparent that we had to end the creation of 'free' memberships or burden the dues paying membership with these costs. Accordingly, in 1979/1980 the By-Laws were changed and the requirements for becoming a LM became that one must attain the age of 60 and have been a member continuously for the previous twenty years. A person meeting these requirement must apply to the Board of Directors. At this date only one member has become a Life Member of the new class. Under the older LM plan it was possible to become a LM at an early age, say 35, and many did. At dues time each year both classes of LM are requested to donate at the dues rate, or, if they cannot afford that, to donate half of the yearly dues to cover the cost of club mailings.

SOME MRAC NEWS: At the January 12th meeting, the membership present, voted unanimously to elevate Charlie Kaetel, W9SNK to our highest grade of membership, and at the January 25th Meeting of the Board of Directors he became an HONORARY MEMBER.

The ARRL will become the agency for giving amateur radio license exams in all parts of the United States. They are still working out some details of the compensation they will receive from the persons at each examination. It is estimated that examinations by your fellow hams will not start until after mid-year.

Schedules of FCC exams in Chicago are available at your MRAC meeting.